

Transformation Update: State Board Meeting on August 26, 2008

The State Board of Education discussed current initiatives and future plans for Transformation work at their August 26, 2008 meeting. Topics included a description of current activities within the Department of Education, transformation-related funding opportunities for schools, recent outreach efforts by Department staff, progress on the four-state New England Consortium, and upcoming conferences in September and November focused on Transformation. Communications Director Jill Remick distributed and discussed a draft of the Transformation Communications Plan. The Board also briefly discussed a draft review of existing rules and regulations and their relationship to Transformation.

A highlight of the session was a presentation and discussion with Vergennes Union High School (VUHS) principal, Ed Webbley. Principal Webbley described “A Unified Vision for VUHS” and noted ten specific initiatives in place at his school that have positively contributed to making the school more student-centered and responsive to students’ needs. From a collaborative leadership model to targeted interventions with students in need of support, the efforts have collectively begun to change the culture and instructional practice at the school. For more information contact Ed Webbley at mewebbley@anwsu.org.

Finally Commissioner Talbott and Chair James discussed next steps focusing on potential legislative recommendations for the upcoming session and the connection between Transformation and the Board’s strategic planning process scheduled to begin soon. [View a slide show](#) from the update presentation.

Transformation of Education

Moving Forward



State Board of Education
August 27, 2008

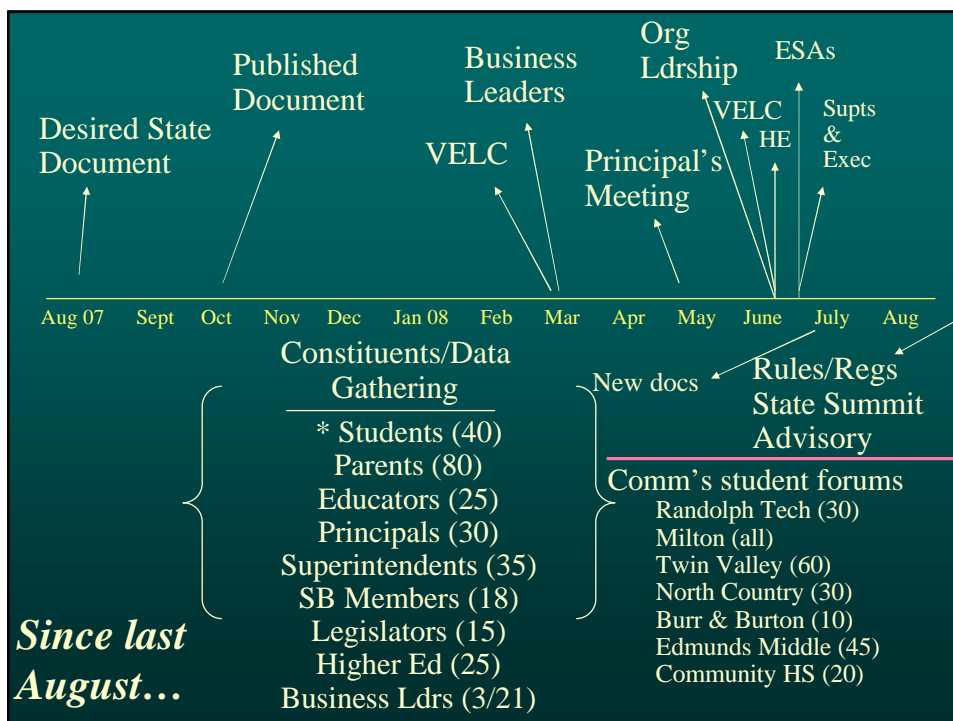
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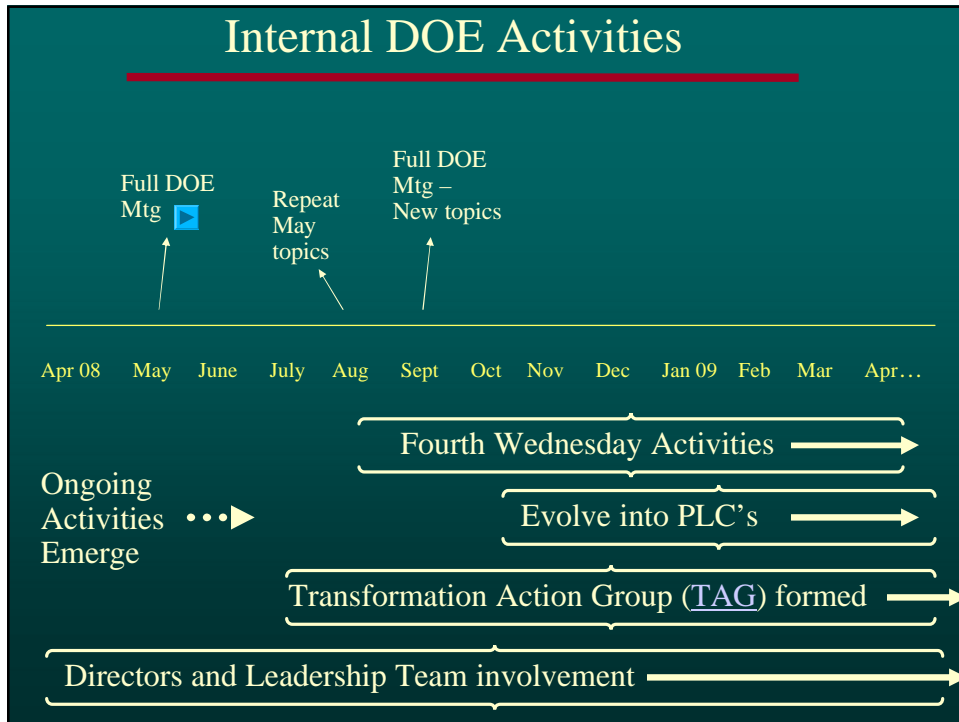


- Understand and *discuss* recent progress and events re: Transformation
- Give your thoughts about our direction and next steps
- Identify focus areas, leverage points and potential obstacles

Topics for this morning....

- Ongoing Activities
 - Inside the Department of Education
 - Funding opportunities for schools
 - Presentations/Conversations with stakeholders
 - New England Collaborative (VT, NH, ME, RI)
 - Upcoming conferences
- Summit Update
- Communications Plan
- Statutes, Rules & Regulations Review
- Elements of Transformation
 - Vergennes Union High School – Ed Webbley, Principal
 - What does systemic transformation really look like?
- 2009 Act to Transform Education
- 2009 Strategic Plan Development





Recent and Upcoming Conversations

- Educational Service Agency (ESA) Leadership
- Career-Technical Center Directors
- Higher Education Admissions Directors
- Vermont Council of Teacher Educators
- Vermont Standards & Assessment Council (VTSAC)
- Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators (VSBPE)



Grants and Funding Opportunities

- Secondary Transformation Grant ([link](#))
 - Focus on student-centered instruction
 - 3 Awards \$75,000 each
 - Potential Round Two awards - \$50,000 each
 - Timeline: 11/08 – 6/10



Other Grants Aligned with Transformation

- School Wellness Grant
 - Emphasis on student-centered learning and engagement
 - Technology skill development
 - 21st century skills of problem-solving and analysis
 - Focus on heart rate monitors
- 21st Century Partnership grants
 - Focuses on after school programs
 - Vision to make “after school” part of transformed learning environments





New England Consortium

Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island
and Vermont

Strategic Activities:


- Create cross-state systems of support
- Implement changes in state and local policy
- International benchmarking – aligning with 21st Century standards
- Performance based assessments



Secondary Conference

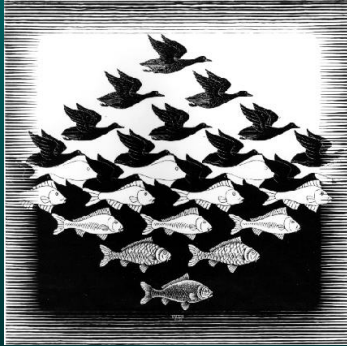
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- Builds on May conference with principals & CTE Dir
- Secondary School Leaders in Vermont working together
- Build statewide momentum for secondary transformation
- All high schools and tech centers
- Three-person teams
- Examples of secondary transformation from around NE
- To be followed by Regional follow-up meetings



Transformation Summit

September 25-26, 2008

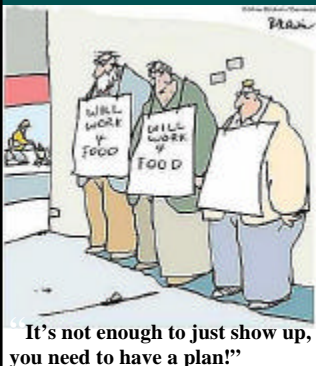


- Goals/Expectations for the event
- Participant and Agenda review
- Anticipated follow-up
- Supported by Nellie Mae Foundation

Communications Plan

Jill Remick
Brian Vachon

- Background and participants
- Review/discussion of draft plan
- Next steps and timeline



Rules and Regulations Review

- Background – How did we arrive at the materials being reviewed?
- Review/Discussion
- Next steps – Outcome of Summit, etc.



Elements of Transformation A Vermont example

- Vergennes Union High School
Principal: Ed Webbley
- Some examples of transformation efforts



So..... What will it take to achieve *system*-wide transformation?

- At the local level?
- At the State level?

Legislation planned

- 2009 Act to Transform Education
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2009 Strategic Plan Development

- The influence of the Transformation
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Proposed Timeline

Date	Activity
On-going	Communication, Research, and External/Internal relations work
9/25 – 26	Statewide Summit: Stakeholder groups review, discuss and reach consensus on vision and next steps
11/20	Secondary Transformation Conference
12/15 + or -	Statewide conference: Share Summit results, enlarge stakeholder representation
1/15/09	SBE receives report on Transformation Implementation Plan
April, 2009	SBE takes action on Implementation Plan
July 1, 2009	Implementation of initial phase

Transformation Action Group (TAG)

- Leadership and direction for transformation.
- Developing and disseminating communications
- Identifying the work we are already doing that supports transformation
- Describing how that work might be expanded
- Supporting the development of a shared vision for transformation with external stakeholders
- Assist in creation of system structures that promote collaboration among external partners.

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May 28 DOE Meeting

“Building Common Understanding & Language”

- *Adult Education Connection to Student-centered Learning*
- *Career Pathway Program of Study*
- *Comprehensive Local Assessment System (CLAS)*
- *Educator Licensing*
- *Focused Monitoring*
- *Formative Assessment*
- *Framework & Vital Results/Grade Expectations*
- *Home Study 101: Overview of the Home Study Process in Vermont*
- *Improving the Grant Process by Using Technology*
- *Introduction to Independent School Approval*
- *New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP)*
- *ROPA (Results Oriented Program Approval)*
- *Secondary Transformation*
- *Skills-Based Health Education in the 21st Century*
- *The Potential of After school Programs*
- *Vermont Integrated Instruction Model (VIIM)*

